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SUBJ: FEA STUDY IN VENEZUELA

REF: CARACAS 8164 AND 8166

1. WORD WAS PASSED TO ME THIS AFTERNOON INDIRECTLY FROM THE CHIEF OF VENEZUELAN G-2 BRIGADIER GENERAL VICTOR M MOLINA VARGAS, THAT THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT NOW REGARD THE SO-CALLED KRUEGER AFFAIR AS A CLOSED ISSUE. IN CONSEQUENCE, I REVISE THE SUGGESTION SET FORTH IN SECOND SENTENCE OF CARACAS 8166 THAT WE SHOULD HAVE ZRUEGER WAITING IN THE WINGS READY TO RETURN BECAUSE AFTER HAVING SENT THIS MORNING TO MINISTER OF MINES VALENTIN HERNANDEZ THE TEXTS OF NEWSPAPER ARTICLES PRINTED AUGUST 16 IN WASHINGTON POST AND STAR NEWS AS WELL AS THE TEXT OF KRUEGER'S UNCLASSIFIED QUESTIONNAIRE

,
I THINK VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT MIGHT ACTUALLY BE EMBARRASSED TO HAVE HIM RETURN. HOWEVER, SINCE FONMIN SCHACHT (CARACAS 8080) ASKED IF KRUEGER SHOULD NOT RETURN HERE, WE OWE HIM A REPLY. MY RECOMMENDATION AS EXPRESSED PARA THREE CARACAS 8080 STILL STAND. I REQUEST THAT AFTER CONSULTATION BETWEEN STATE AND FEA I BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATE REPLY TO FONMIN SCHACHT BEFORE MY OWN DEPARTURE ON LEAVE AUGUST 31.
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